

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a repeatable pad-printed image on a flower, the method comprising the steps for:

producing a group of flowers, each flower being live and having a stem and one or more petals, wherein said one or more petal(s) is free of an etched or cut image comprising:

creating a repeatable, identical, pad-printed image provided on said petal that is free from an etched or cut image, said image selected from the group of:

a communication from a sender of the group of flowers to an individual recipient of the group of flowers;

a personalized communication to the individual recipient of the group of flowers;

a generic message to recipients in general; and

a commemoration of an event.

2. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step for creating an image comprises the steps for:

creating a first image on a cliché;

applying ink to the cliché; and

lifting at least a portion of the ink from the cliché to form a second image, wherein the second image is the image created on the transfer medium.

3. (original) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the step for lifting comprises the steps for:

placing the transfer medium in contact with the cliché; and  
removing the transfer medium from the cliché.

4. (original) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the step for creating further comprises the step for removing excess ink applied to the cliché.

5. (original) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the step for creating a first image comprises the step for etching the first image into the cliché.

6. (original) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the cliché comprises a photosensitive material.

7. (original) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein step for etching comprises the steps for:

providing a third image;

creating a film positive of the third image; and

exposing the photosensitive material through a wash out process to etch the third image into the photosensitive material.

8. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step for allowing the transferred image to set.

9. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the flower comprises at least one of:

- (i) a group of flowers;
- (ii) a fruit; or
- (iii) a plant.

10. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the image transferred onto the flower comprises at least one of:

- (i) a character;
- (ii) a number;
- (iii) a logo;
- (iv) a picture;
- (v) a symbol;
- (vi) a design;
- (vii) an icon; or
- (viii) a trademark.

11.-15. (cancelled).

16. (currently amended) A system for providing a repeatable pad-printed image on a group of flowers, the system comprising:

a group of live flowers free of an etched or cut image; and

a repeatable, identical, pad-printed image provided on at least one petal of each of the flowers in the group of flowers, said image selected from the group of:

a communication from a sender of the group of flowers to an individual recipient of the group of flowers;

a personalized communication to the individual recipient of the group of flowers;

a generic message to recipients in general; and

a commemoration of an event.

17. (cancelled)

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19. (previously presented) A system as recited in claim 16, further comprising a cliché, wherein the cliché includes an etched image that is at least partially filled with ink to place the image on a portion of a transfer medium.

20. (original) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the cliché includes a plate, and wherein the transfer medium includes one of:

i. a pad; or

ii. a roller.

21. (currently amended) A method for providing an image on an organic product the method comprising:

producing a group of flowers, each flower being live and having a stem and one or more petals, wherein said one or more petal(s) is free from cuttings or markings of a ~~laser~~ comprising:

creating a plurality of copies of a repeatable, identical, pad-printed image provided on each of said ~~petal that is free from cuttings or markings of a laser~~ flowers, wherein a copy of said repeatable, identical, pad-printed image is provided on at least one of said petals of each flower of said group, and wherein said image is selected from the group of:

a communication from a sender of the group of flowers to a recipient of the group of flowers;

a personalized communication to the individual recipient of the group of flowers;

a generic message to recipients in general; and

a communication commemorating an event.

22. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the group of flowers comprises roses.

23. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image is also on at least one of:

(i) an additional petal of a flower in the group of flowers; or

(ii) a leaf of a flower in the group of flowers.

24. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image has been pad-printed through a transfer printing technique.

25. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the repeatable, identical, pad-printed image has been machine printed through a transfer printing technique.